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IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claim follows.

1. (currently amended) A method for storing handwritten writings on a piece of furniture made of wood, said method comprising:
preparing one or more handwritten writings by hand directly on the wood of which said piece of furniture is made; and
storing said handwritten writings on [[a]] said piece of furniture,
wherein said furniture comprises a member comprising a surface of said wood ~~a material used to construct said furniture~~ that is specifically configured to permanently receive said handwritten writings.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising preparing said member with markings to facilitate placement of said writings on said member.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising moving said member from a retracted position to an exposed position prior to storing said writings.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said member comprises a plank.

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5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said plank to said exposed position.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said member comprises a drawer.
7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said drawer to said exposed position.
8. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising protecting said writings with said piece of furniture when said member is in said retracted position.
9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said writings commemorate a specific time in history, person, or historical event.
10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a signature.
11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a date.
12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said preparing one ore more writings is performed by comprise a carving, wood burning, etching, brushing, or

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imprinting said at least one handwritten writing on said surface of wood ~~brush marks, imprint or stamp.~~

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing memorabilia associated with said writings in a storage compartment in said piece of furniture.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said markings comprise grooves in said surface of wood.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said writings are organized into parallel rows using said grooves as guides.

16-27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifically designating said member as being intended to receive said handwritten writings in materials presented with said furniture when said furniture is offered for sale and has not yet received said handwritten writings.

29. (cancelled)

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30. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said markings comprise a genealogical form.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said genealogical form comprises a family tree.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said genealogical form comprises a pedigree chart.